

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #70-39 Building Date: 1923/24

Building Name: Boxlee

Location: 6106 Hillmeade Road, Glenn Dale, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description

Boxlee is a frame gable-roof house situated on a seven-acre lot planted with mature tulip poplars and hollies. The house consists of a five-bay-by-two-bay side gabled main block, with an enclosed sunporch at one end, and a kitchen wing at the other. The main block of the house is two-and-one-half stories high, with entrance in the central bay of the five bay east facade, through a door with three-pane sidelights above wainscot panels. The main east entrance is sheltered by a one-story entry porch supported by two slim Tuscan columns. Siding of the house is plain horizontal board painted white. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with plain board surrounds and black louvered shutters. The roof is covered with slate; its deeply overhanging eaves have a belled, or flared, profile. The cornices have crown molding and are returned at the gable ends. An exterior brick chimney, painted white, rises at the ridge at each gable end. Three symmetrically positioned gable-roof dormers pierce the east plane of the roof. Attached at the north gable end of the main block is a one-and-one-half-story gable-roof kitchen wing, one bay by two bays, with a single dormer in each of the east and west planes of its roof. Materials are the same as those of the main block, and the gable roof is also flared at the eaves.

Significance

Boxlee is a handsome Colonial Revival style house, built on part of the Maple Shade property of the Bowie family. Maple Shade had belonged to the Bowie family throughout the nineteenth century. After the death of Eleanor B. Bowie in 1891, it was divided between her grandchildren. In 1909 Arthur Bowie constructed a new house on his section of the land, built by local carpenter Millard Schafer. In 1916, Schafer was again contracted to construct a house, this time for Joseph Addison on Cedar Hill, another part of the old Bowie landholdings. In 1923, Ellen Bowie Addison deeded to her younger son, F. Bowie Addison, a seven-acre portion of Maple Shade; in the following year, Bowie Addison contracted with Millard Schafer to build a house nearly identical to Cedar Hill. The resulting structure, which Addison called "Boxlee", was, like Cedar Hill, a handsome two-part dwelling with flared eaves, and decorative elements of the Colonial Revival style. Like Cedar Hill, Boxlee had Federal style mantels salvaged from Mulliken's Delight. The resulting house is an excellent example of the Colonial Revival style, a prominent and important landmark in a developing area.

Acreage: 6.8 acres

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DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Boxlee

and/or common

## 2. Location

street &amp; number 6106 Hillmeade Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Glenn Dale \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Md. county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name L. Courtland Lee

street &amp; number 6106 Hillmeade Road telephone no.:

city, town Glenn Dale state and zip code Md. 20769

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4834

street &amp; number Main Street folio 79

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Boxlee is a two-and-one-half-story frame gable-roof house situated on a seven-acre lot planted with mature tulip poplars and hollies. The house consists of a five-bay-by-two-bay side gabled main block, with an enclosed sunporch at one end, and a kitchen wing at the other. It is accessible by a circular driveway, lined with boxwood, on the west side of Hillmeade Road.

The main block of the house is two-and-one-half stories high, with entrance in the central bay of the five bay east (main) facade. Entrance is through a door with three-pane sidelights above wainscot panels, and a plain board surround. (The corresponding door on the west is similar but has a classical entablature, with frieze and crown molding above.) The main east entrance is sheltered by a one-story entry porch supported by two slim Tuscan columns; its pedimented gable roof is flared at the eaves. (On the west rear facade, a one-story porch with three Tuscan columns shelters the first two bays. Above it is a square, one-bay-by-one-bay, enclosed porch room with a nearly flat roof.)

Siding of the house is plain horizontal board painted white. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with plain board surrounds and black louvered shutters. The roof is covered with slate; its deeply overhanging eaves have a belled, or flared, profile. The cornices have crown molding and are returned at the gable ends. An exterior brick chimney, painted white, rises at the ridge at each gable end. Two small four-pane windows flank each chimney at loft level.

Three symmetrically positioned gable-roof dormers pierce the east plane of the roof; each contains a 6/6 double sash window. The dormers in the two center positions are repeated in the west plane of the roof, but the center position is filled by a shallow shed dormer which contains a single sash six-pane window. The main block rests on a concrete foundation which encloses a full basement.

Interior of the main block consists of a wide central stairhall with a large parlor on each side. The stairhall is highlighted by a wide elliptical arch with fluted pilasters, which leads to the two-run staircase rising along its south wall. Each parlor is warmed by a fireplace centered in its exterior wall. Both wooden mantels are Federal in style, acquired from an historic building and incorporated into Boxlee after it was constructed in 1923. The mantel in the south parlor is framed by fluted pilasters, and the wide frieze is fluted and surmounted by a dentilled cornice. The wider mantel in the north parlor (dining room) has the same decorative elements, but also has a projecting central panel with the same fluting and dentil detail.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1923/24 Builder/Architect Millard Schafer

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Boxlee is a handsome Colonial Revival style house, built on part of the Maple Shade property of the Bowie family. It was built by a local carpenter, and is nearly identical to Cedar Hill, built a few years earlier by the same carpenter. It is a prominent and important landmark in a developing area.

Maple Shade, part of a tract known as Spafield, had belonged to the Bowie family throughout the nineteenth century. After the death of Eleanor B. Bowie in 1891, it was divided between her grandchildren, with Arthur G. Bowie receiving the 74 unimproved acres to the north, and Ellen Bowie Addison receiving the 24 southerly acres on which stood the old family homestead.<sup>1</sup> In 1909 Arthur Bowie constructed a new house on his section of the land; it was built by local carpenter Millard Schafer, and was a fine example of the popular "Classic Box" style dwelling.<sup>2</sup> In 1916, Schafer was again contracted to construct a house, this time for Joseph Addison (son of Ellen Bowie Addison, and nephew of Arthur G. Bowie) on another part of the old Bowie landholdings; this house, Cedar Hill (P.G. #71A-8), was a particularly fine example of Colonial Revival style architecture.<sup>3</sup>

In 1923, Ellen Bowie Addison deeded to her younger son, F. Bowie Addison, a seven-acre portion of Maple Shade; this was the easterly part of the tract, which fronted on the county road between Collington and Springfield Station.<sup>4</sup> On this parcel, in the following year, Bowie Addison contracted with Millard Schafer to build a house nearly identical to Cedar Hill. The resulting structure, which Addison called "Boxlee", was, like Cedar Hill, a handsome two-part dwelling with flared eaves, and decorative elements of the Colonial Revival style. Also, like Cedar Hill, Boxlee had Federal style mantels. Particularly handsome mantels with fluted pilasters and frieze were taken from Mulliken's Delight (P.G. #74A-10) (then in seriously deteriorating condition), restored by carpenter Schafer, and built into the parlors at Boxlee.<sup>5</sup>

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Across the south gable end of the main block is a one-story hip-roof porch, fully-enclosed by full-length ten-pane windows. The roof of this enclosed porch is of slate, and the foundations are of brick.

Attached at the north gable end of the main block is a one-and-one-half-story gable-roof kitchen wing. This wing is one bay by two bays, and has a single dormer in each of the east and west planes of its roof. Materials are the same as those of the main block, and the gable roof is also flared at the eaves. There is a small shed (bathroom) addition at the north gable end.

Northwest of the house are several outbuildings. There is a frame garage building with board-and-batten siding and gable roof. It has a shed roof extension to the west. Two more small sheds stand to the north of the garage. To the west of the house lot is a fenced cow pasture.

Boxlee is an excellent example of a Colonial Revival Style house; it is now bounded on two sides by modern residential development, but its nearly seven-acre, well-landscaped, lot provides a beautiful and secluded setting for the house. Marginally adjoining Boxlee on the south is a two-and-one-half-acre lot, in which now stands the newly renovated log cabin moved from Pleasant View (Grigsby's Station), P.G. #70-38. Adjoining the cabin lot is Maple Shade, P.G. #70-31. This grouping of historic buildings helps to preserve the historic setting of Boxlee.

#### Notes

<sup>1</sup> Prince George's County JWB #19:375, cf. also S. G. Pearl, Report on Maple Shade (P.G. #70-31), 1983, Prince George's County H.P.C. files.

<sup>2</sup> cf. MHT Inventory form, P.G. #70-21.

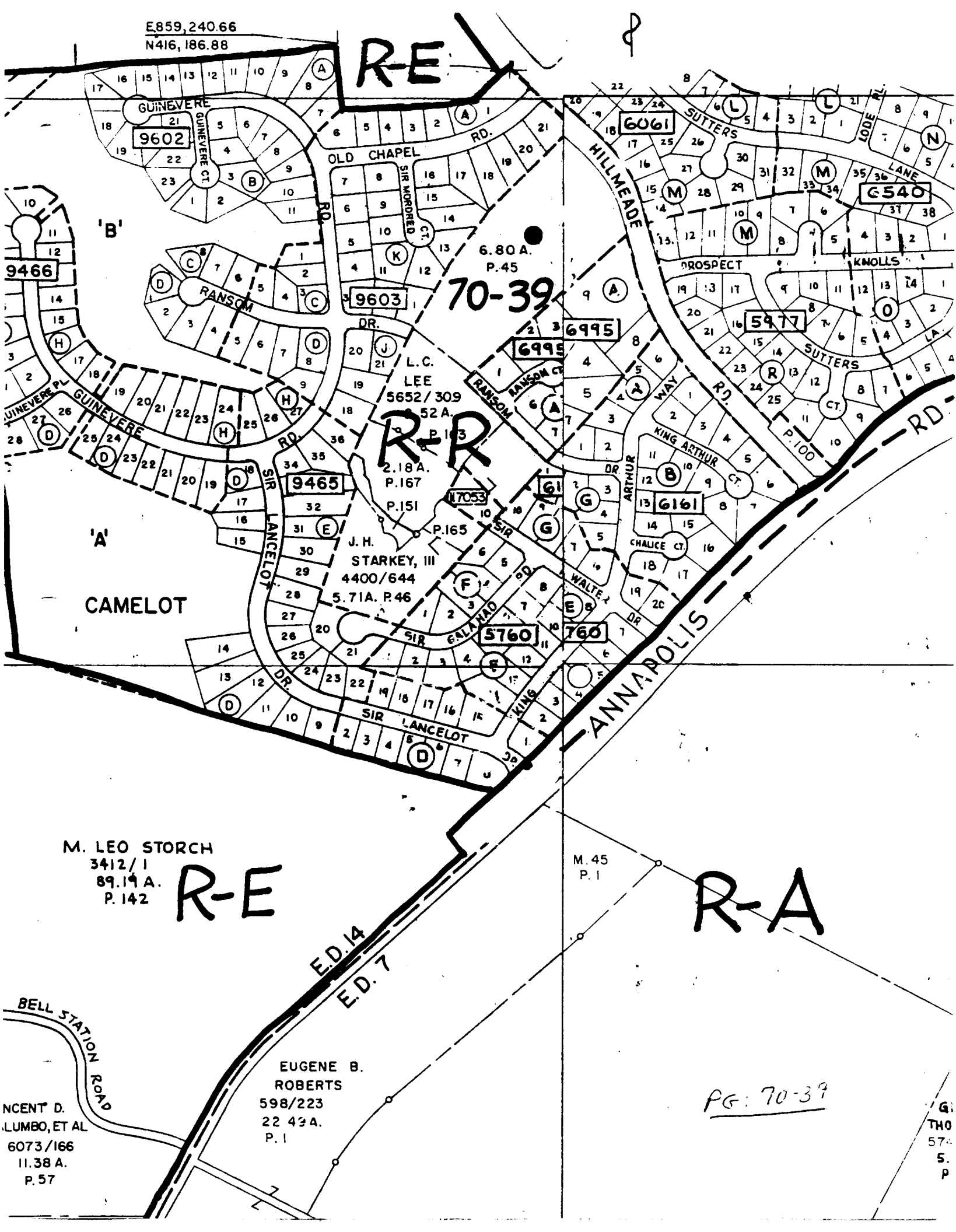
<sup>3</sup> cf. MHT Inventory form, P.G. #71A-8.

<sup>4</sup> Prince George's County Deed #194:197.

<sup>5</sup> Telephone conversation with Josephine Addison Gamble, 1983 and 1986.

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Susan G. Pearl  
February 1986  
East elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Northwest 3/4 elevation  
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West elevation  
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Boxlee

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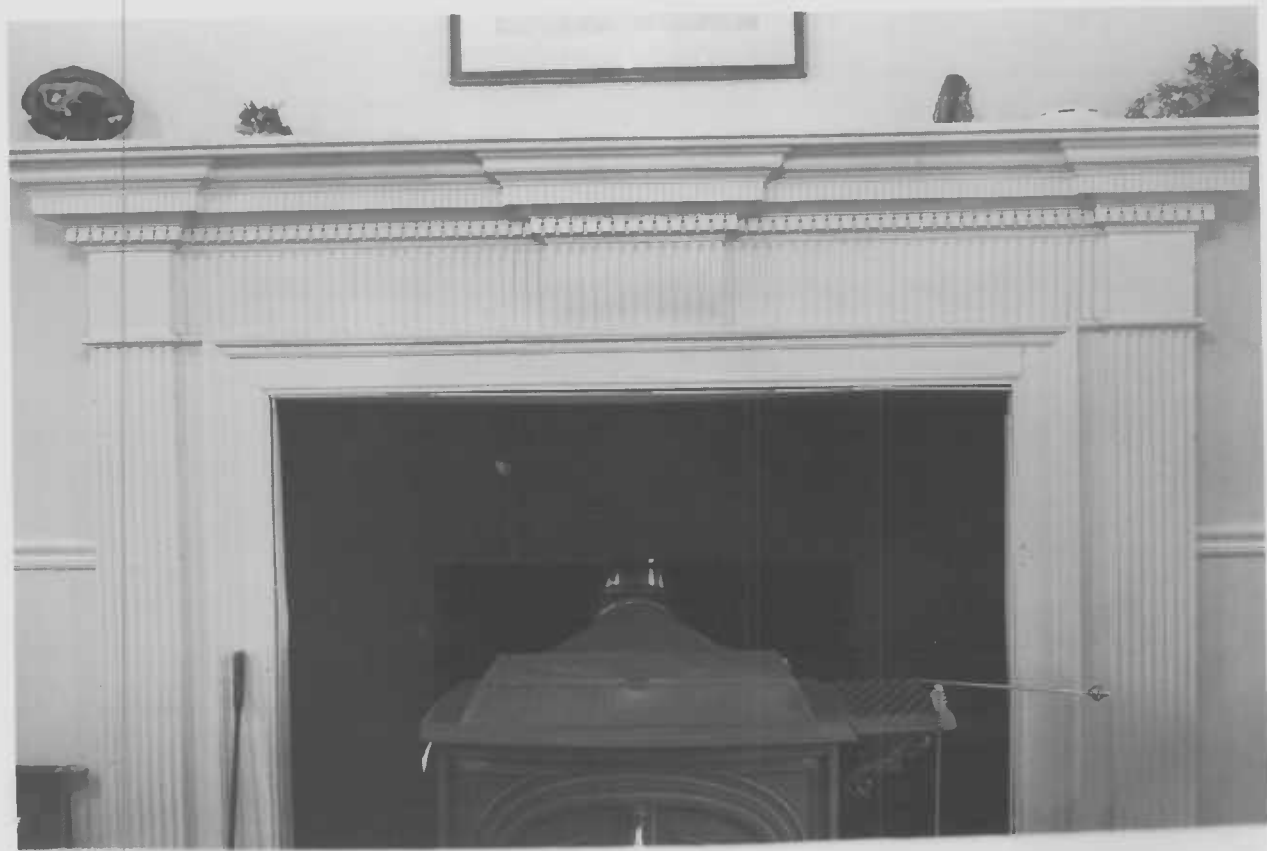
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South Elevation

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Mantel in north parlor  
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Boxlee  
Prince George's County, MD.  
Susan G. Pearl  
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Mantel in south parlor  
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Stairhall

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